

# REMEMBERING EVELYN ANDREWS 10 MONTHS AFTER HER PASSING



by Katelyn Dendas  
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Photo by Thomas Lal

Sophomore Humboldt State softball player Anna Brondos walks through the dugout past Evelyn Andrew’s number 21 jersey with ribbons on her helmet to remember her during the Lumberjacks game against Chico State on Feb. 22 at HSU Softball Field.

# Humboldt State’s volleyball team continues practice through pandemic

by Sabrina Ochoa

The Humboldt State University’s women’s volleyball team found a way to practice during the pandemic. The team’s practice plans were approved by HSU President Jackson and the California State University system and practices must abide by state and local COVID-19 public health regulations. HSU is one of the few schools in California allowed to do so.

Macy Thomas, a junior at HSU, explained the precautions taken by the team to abide by the COVID-19 safety protocol.

“Of course there were several limitations in place, but throughout the last couple months we’ve been able to increase our practice size, duration and level of contact in a safe manner,” Thomas said.

To hold practices, the team divided into two smaller pods. The team is required to wear masks during practice as well as remain socially distant throughout it.

Lenox Loving, junior at HSU, said it



Photo by Thomas Lal

Humboldt State’s Odelia Ryan makes a diving effort to keep the play alive during the Jacks’ match against Chico State at Lumberjack Arena on November 1 2019.

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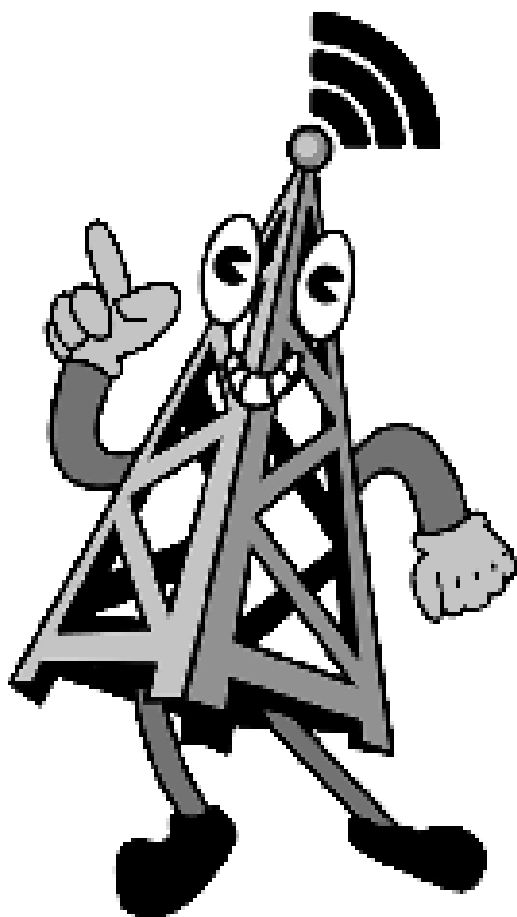
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# Savage Henry Comedy Club faces potential closing

*The club’s GoFundme goal is near its deadline*

by Becca Laurenson

The Savage Henry, known for its magazine and comedy club, is being threatened with shutting down. Their current GoFundMe stands \$9,000 short, as of publication, and the deadline is coming up.

The club temporarily shut down from March to July due to COVID-19.

Co-owner of Savage Henry Chris Durant first opened the club in November 2018. Ever since, the club and magazine have been a hit locally and statewide but due to pandemic restrictions, the club faces financial troubles.

“We couldn’t pay any bills because we couldn’t sell anything,” Durant said. “We were dead in the water,” Durant said.

Calista LaBolle, a stand-up comedian at the Savage Henry, has been performing at the club for a year and has been friends with Durant prior to stepping on stage. LaBolle emphasized the beauty of the comedy club and it’s importance in the community.

“It’s a mecca for comedy in Humboldt. It is for many comedians,” LaBolle said. “In our region, it is very well known. A rest fit for a lot of the comedians, a place that they can come and be themselves.



Savage Henry Comedy Club magazine in front of the club building in Eureka on Nov 11.

Photo by Becca Laurenson

That will be difficult for a lot of us, if it has to close.”

Eric Fitzgerald, a stand-up comedian at the Savage Henry, found the club from open mic acts. For Fitzgerald, the club is a place of creativity and expression, a supportive outlet for local comedians to get their art form public and have fun.

“A place to get together and see good entertainment that’s hilarious and to get a good laugh,” Fitzgerald said. “Especially now with the pandemic I feel like comedy kind of essential to break up the monotony.”

Although the club had shows in alternative forms during the pandemic, like drive-in and movie theatre-style comedy with protocol be-

ing followed within the building, it is not bringing in as much money as it was.

“If the comedy club goes away, there’s other things that will go away too and then we are all stuck in our houses staring at our phones,” Fitzgerald said.

Only certain drive-in and comedy streaming shows within the club are available making it hard to bring money in with the club shut down. Usually, the club packs the week full of different comedy sets.

“We would have local comics, open mics on Wednesdays and Sundays, the comedians produce their own shows, on the weekends we usually have headliners from out

of the area,” Durant said. “The only dedicated comedy club between the Bay Area and Portland, OR.”

The GoFundMe money would go towards rent and keeping the building. There’s still time to raise the money and with flexibility between landlords and the owners, Durant is hopeful.

“We make jokes about it now,” Durant said. “I would turn to the camera and say, ‘Please donate so this guy doesn’t come running up to you in the store and try to tell you jokes, give him a safe place to do his craft’.”

To donate, visit their GoFundMe at [www.gofundme.com/f/save-savage-henry](http://www.gofundme.com/f/save-savage-henry).

## Students for Quality Education statewide abolitionist meeting

by Elise Fero

Hosted on Zoom Fri., Nov. 13 by Faith Garcia from California State University San Marcos, Students for Quality Education held a statewide abolitionist meeting.

The meeting consisted of 65 students from different locations within the CSU system. The meeting began by going over the Key Principles of Freire to discuss popular education, including learning from social realities to make actual change, the importance of respect and dialogue and actually committing to change.

Adela Gutierrez-Diaz, a CSU student leader, expressed the need to be aware of an injustice and the call to action.

“Start with issues that carry fear, anger, sorrow, hope,” said Gutierrez-Diaz.

The discussion examined how to build a new future, to make a difference and accept that emotions will come into play. For this reason, dialogue is even more important and needs to stay open and available.

“Everyone can learn from each other,” Gutierrez-Diaz said. “Folks have different perspectives rather than more knowledge.”

Students should search for solutions considering both fact and emotion, as well as reflecting on what had occurred and what could be learned and made better.

“Use what you learn to change the world because we truly have no choice at this point,” Gutierrez-Diaz said.

The discussion began with things students had seen from police within their own lives, or through others, and why they hated them.

They shared instances of mistreatment of the LGBTQ+ community, watching family being unfairly treated or killed, or the way police profile and

target communities differently.

“They treat people like they’re straight up above everyone,” said Andy Aleman-Alvarez from CSU Los Angeles.

This led to other issues, such as problems within their own communities. Many expressed homelessness as a main problem. Arcata and the HSU community also consistently struggle with homelessness.

Students mentioned getting School Resource Officer’s out of schools, the access to healthcare and its expenses, prison and unfair treatment, and student debt.

“I already have debt for my graduate degree,” said Silvia Angulo from CSU Los Angeles.

Students were not just speaking about issues but finding ways to address problems and plan to do something about it, talking specifically about the risks associated with being outspoken.

“You need to be willing to lose something,” said Louise Barros from CSU Stanislaus.

Reforming institutions founded on white supremacy was a heavily discussed topic. The goal moving forward is creating alternative systems and finding other ways for the people to do it themselves.

“Power can come from all of us supporting one another,” said Nia de Jesus from CSU Stanislaus.

Led again by Gutierrez-Diaz, students engaged in group grounding exercises to calm down after the discussion. Instructed to put their feet on the ground, relax their jaw, loosen their shoulders and breathe in peace, breathe out justice.

“These conversations can make you very tense very fast,” Gutierrez-Diaz said.

## Humboldt County skips from yellow to red tier

*Part of a statewide effort to slow COVID-19 cases, Humboldt county enters a heavily restrictive tier.*

by Carlos Holguin

Humboldt County moved into a heavily restrictive tier as part of a statewide COVID-19 response. California saw a rise of cases within the past weeks, reporting 57,000 new cases within the past seven days. Governor Gavin Newsom said this will slow down any plans of reopening.

Part of a 40 county reorganization, Humboldt has been moved from the lowest tier into the second highest tier, with 4.8 cases for every 100,000 tests conducted.

42 percent of positive, reported Humboldt county cases have occurred within the Latinx community, despite making up only 12.3 percent of the population according to 2019 US Census Bureau data.

In a Humboldt Health Alert sent out on Nov. 16, Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said that the current case rates could possibly move Humboldt into the most restrictive tier.

“Since the state first implemented the Blueprint framework, they’ve signaled that they could move faster if conditions warranted,” said Frankovich. “Our recent data shows why that makes sense because this virus is moving faster than we have ever seen, and rapid response can help to slow the upward trajectory.”

Under the new tier list all bars, breweries and distilleries will be closed while wineries can be open

outdoors only. Restaurants, retail shops and places of worship can be open “...indoors at maximum 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer,” according to the Humboldt Health Alert.

The CDC and the Humboldt Department of Health and Human Services both highly advise against having gatherings for the holidays as this will most likely increase the spread of COVID-19.

“We simply need to stop traveling and stop gathering, especially indoors. It isn’t safe, and it is impacting our schools and our business communities,” Frankovich said in the health alert. “The upcoming holidays need to be single household celebrations if we want to get through this pandemic with fewer hospitalizations and fewer lives lost.”

Nationwide, cases continue to spike. The New York Times is currently tracking around 11.4 million cases reported nationwide and nearly 250,000 deaths attributed to the virus, as of time of publication.

The Center for Disease Control has predicted that “...the number of newly reported COVID-19 deaths will likely increase over the next four weeks, with 5,500 to 13,400 new deaths likely to be reported in the week ending Dec. 5, 2020. The national ensemble predicts that a total of 260,000 to 282,000 COVID-19 deaths will be reported by this date.”





Photo by Thomas Lal

A small picture frame stands in the entry to Lumberjack Arena before the Humboldt State Athletics Department holds a celebration of life on Feb. 23 for Evelyn Andrews who passed away on Feb. 17 after battling cancer for the second time.

# Evelyn

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It has been 10 months since my friend, teammate and freshman year dorm mate, Evelyn Andrews, passed away. I don't remember what the grief counselor said or what transpired after that Monday, but I do remember arriving at the entrance of the Arcata Community Forest in my white, tennis shoes with a rambunctious dog, Mayes, and my sad girl hours playlist.

Different forms of grief were transpiring within my team but I wanted to be among the redwoods, searching for a reason or answer to this loss. I walked for two hours going from trail-to-trail, stopping to explore everything that caught Mayes's attention, but thinking for too long hurt my heart even more.

On my way into the forest I had two separate phone calls, one to my mom and the other my dad. Both times with tears rolling down my cheeks as I continued to ascend to the top of the hill, out of breath but telling them every detail I knew.

Over the four months prior to February, Evelyn battled Acute Myelogenous Leukemia, a secondary blood cancer that was a direct result of the treatment from her lymphoma in 2017. In the end, a clotting complication common in AML patients developed and was not overcome. Humboldt State University Athletics stated for the record that Evelyn died cancer free.

Ev 2, Cancer 0.

I found comfort walking among the giant redwoods that day. In the forest everything felt small. Like the Dictionary of Obscure Sorrow defines 'sonder' as,

"The realization that each random passerby is living a life as vivid and complex as your own—populated with their own ambitions, friends, routines, worries and inherited craziness—an epic story that continues invisibly around you like an anthill sprawling deep underground, with elaborate passageways to thousands of other lives that you'll never know existed, in which you might appear only once, as an extra sipping coffee in the background, as a blur of traffic passing on the highway, as a lighted window at dusk."

"An epic story that continues invisibly around you," the Arcata Community Forest continued on, from the plants

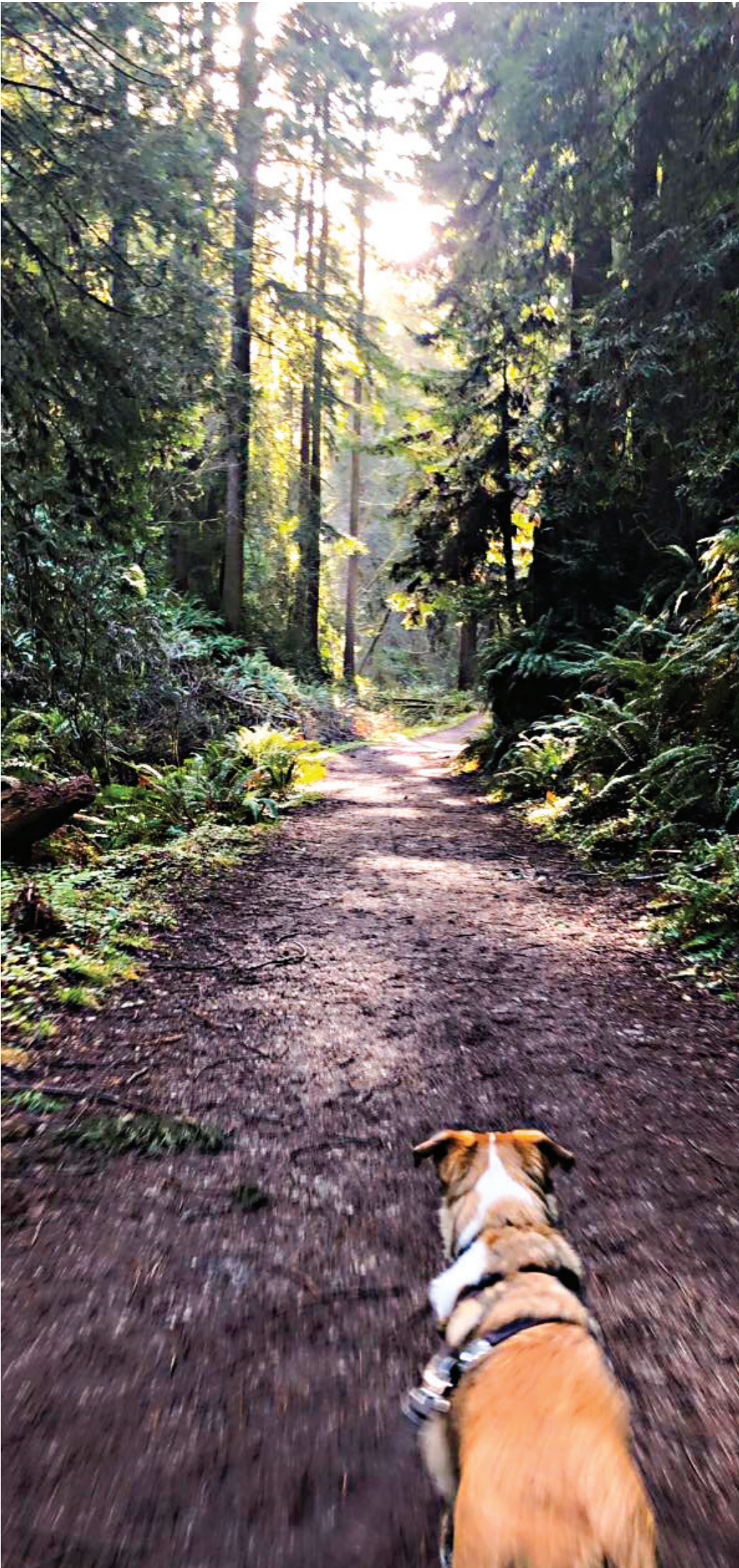


Photo by Katelyn Dendas

above ground to the roots stretched out below.

No clue that Evelyn was fighting for her life 300 miles away, the trees have seen so much that her passing didn't stop them from living their own. I continued to walk the forest feeling like a passerby. For a moment I stopped to appreciate the sun beaming through the tall trees and the tears started to roll again, but this time they weren't as heavy. My breathing felt light and I was happy, smiling upon memories of she-nanigans and chaos with Ev.

The sun shining through felt warm and hopeful. I took out my phone and tried to capture what I was seeing. It was magical. The next day, I found out that the timestamp of that moment was the same time the machines were turned off and Ev had taken her last breaths.

I can't explain it, but reflecting on that picture and feeling that moment over again, I am constantly inspired. The forest helped me make sense of the heart ache I was feeling. For a couple of minutes on Mon., Feb., 17 at 3:30 p.m., I felt connected to everything.

As I continue to get my degree in environmental science and management, the pressure of time running out gets heavier. Climate change becomes more daunting and depressing. There is a lot of work that needs to be done.

Sometimes shrugging my shoulders and pondering if ignorance really is bliss. But then I remind myself of this moment that I had. In a time of deep mourning, I had the ability to walk in a forest full of old redwoods and heal. I didn't have to go far to experience a viable ecosystem.

The Arcata Community Forest is a treasure. A treasure that not everyone can say they have or will experience. Communities around the world are being trapped into concrete jungles with the natural world degraded around them, when facing sorrows and pain there is no environment to escape to.

I miss Evelyn Andrews so much. She still amazes me, for even in her last moments she continued to show me the light. She is constantly inspiring me to fight for the environment, to give it my all and metaphorically leave my mark (remember leave no-trace when actually in nature).

Everyone deserves a moment out in the environment that makes them feel connected to everything because, "an epic story continues invisibly around you."



# Club sports athletes stay on track

*Unable to practice as a team, athletes practice one-on-one*

by Justin Celotto

Humboldt State University’s athletics clubs are currently unable to practice on a team level. Members hold themselves accountable in hopes of the restriction lifting and allowing teams to meet and practice again.

Part of being ready to play whenever COVID-19 restrictions loosen or end, is staying in shape. Colin Waichler, president of the cycling club, has no set plan for his team, just encourages them to stay on the bike.

“We haven’t been doing any real individual training this semester,” Waichler said. “To be honest, we don’t do any team training in normal years, there’s no motivation around for that when just going for a rip is way more fun. If you count super chill group rides as training, I guess we train.”

Waichler said the club members are riding mostly the same amount as they would normally, even without races that would be scheduled.

“Right now, everyone’s riding at their usual level minus the four or five

race weekends we normally have in the fall,” Waichler said. “For most of us, that’s one to three casual rides a week.”

Waichler has been doing more than just stepping on the bike to stay in shape.

“Ordinarily, I’d be riding four or five hours a week. Distance varies, but about 30 to 100 miles, usually on less rainy days but occasionally I’ll go for a swim,” Waichler said. “Outside of that I don’t really train but do a good amount of hiking and ski touring when possible.”

Anthony Perez, president of the archery club, staying in shape is not the only reason he maintains individual practicing, mental health is a huge factor when it comes to being able to practice.

“I try to at least shoot twice a month, safely of course,” Perez said. “The only reason why I go out is because archery helps me destress. With the whole staying indoors and not having much



Photo by Thomas Lal  
Transition Bikes rider Bonnie Burke makes her way through stage two of the Mad River Enduro course on the way to winning the Open/Pro Women’s class on September 7, 2019.

contact besides the house plant, it gets hard to find motivation but when I go out to shoot, it helps me clear my mind because I’m only focusing on my breathing and the target.”

Perez elaborated on how practicing helps him stay in touch and focused with his surroundings, a great break from the monotony of virtual instruction.

“Just overall feeling the surround-

ings, like how strong the wind is, the leaves falling and just have that feeling of being alive versus migrating from the bed to the desk,” Perez said. “It’s really hard to explain but it’s like you’re in touch with everything because you’re using all your senses to make sure you make that shot, but when I’m inside my house, I only need one or two senses and I’m not at full capacity. Like I’m on autopilot.”

# Rugby is the closest sport to football HSU has left

*With Humboldt’s Lumberjack football gone rugby can take the spotlight*



Photo by Adonnis Lee-Johnson  
Freshman Junior Savu running into tackle in 2019 Alumni Game.

by Justin Celotto

Rugby will never be able to replace the gap left by Humboldt State University’s football departure. If youth athletes within the Humboldt community want youth to play a contact sport and watch anything that resembles football, it’s rugby. Not only are they going to be able to watch a contact sport, but they are also going to watch a top level team.

HSU’s rugby team has been a part of the campus since 1973. The team was Division 1 and battled with the likes

of Cal Berkeley and Chico State until 1998, when they became a Division 2 team.

As a Division 2 team they had their most success in 2005, when they made it to the National Championship but came up short to Colorado State.

Since then, HSU Rugby has been a part of the National Collegiate Rugby league. The team had great success over the last four years, ranking seventh in the nation without the chance

to play the national championship due to COVID-19.

Much of the team’s success is thanks to ex-football players at HSU and the recruiting of local and Division1 club rugby. Latufeano Koloapeaua, a junior at HSU and former football player, was recruited to join the rugby team after the football team was disbanded in July of 2018.

“If it weren’t for rugby here at Humboldt I would have transferred over to Montana Tech to play football,” Koloapeaua said. “Even though I sometimes dislike the decisions by this university, I’m very happy I was able to stay here and play rugby because the university is cheap, close to my home of LA, compared to Montana, and I really like it here.”

HSU Rugby is a great opportunity for local high school athletes, like myself who went to McKinleyville High and played rugby for Chico Rugby club, to still play a contact sport while also staying local. Tali Fonoti, an incoming freshman for the rugby team, was a running back for St. Bernard’s Academy’s team, who won the Division 3 state championship.

“I wouldn’t be staying here if it weren’t for rugby,” Fonoti said. “If Humboldt offered football then I would be playing for them. I’m happy to be able to stay here and play a sport and to be honest, the rugby team is the only reason I’m staying up here. It is my first

time playing rugby, but it is something I’ve watched a little bit growing up. There is just no youth rugby in Humboldt which is the only reason I didn’t play.”

Picking up rugby came easy to Fonoti. He believes rugby could be the sport to fill the gap of HSU football for local high school athletes.

“I don’t think it is that hard to transition from football to rugby,” Fonoti said. “I was always in a sport so I am confident in my ability to pick one up easily. The fundamentals of tackling and running the ball are almost the same. If any high school kids wanted to stay up here and play a contact sport I would be for sure talking them up to play rugby because it’s not that hard to learn.”

Logan McDaniel, a freshman from Belmont, never would have heard of HSU if it weren’t for rugby.

“I would be playing rugby or football at another school,” McDaniel said. “Humboldt wouldn’t have even been on my radar. I’m happy I was recruited and they have some sort of contact sport at Humboldt because I love it up here.”

Although HSU football is disbanded and can never be fully replaced by any sport, rugby could be the one that comes closest to filling the gap for the community. Local athletes will be able to stay home, save money and play for a nationally ranked collegiate team.

## VOLLEYBALL

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was hard for her to adapt to practicing as two separate pods instead of an entire team. Loving found it especially difficult to get used to playing with the new players, but said it gave them a chance to create a bond on the court.

“In my pod, I was one of three returning players and the rest were new,” Loving said.

Loving said playing with the new team has made her excited for the future season, whenever that is confirmed to happen.

“The past couple of weeks we have been able to practice as a full team and it has been really fun to play with some of the new players from the other pods,” Loving said.

The players were given options for the fall semester and practice was optional for players. A few players chose to stay at home, a decision fully supported by their teammates, and the players that decided to come back and practice, quarantined for two to three weeks once they arrived in the county.

Players had several rounds of continuous testing and a slow introduction back into practices and workouts.

“HSU had us following several different protocols every week in order for it to remain safe such as testing, temperature checks, COVID check-ins every-

day,” Loving said.

The team hopes to know within the next couple of weeks if they will play any games this spring or be forced to wait until next fall. Head Coach Kelly Wood expressed eager she is to get back onto the court and compete against other schools again.

“I know my athletes are longing for the long road trip, the bonding experience and many more than anything, the competition versus the other schools in our conference,” Wood said.

Without this year’s season, it hurts the team to think back to last season and how much times have changed. Making memories while competing with the thrill of going to play games, traveling and their normal hustle during the season as a team.

“We understand the circumstances and changes that need to be made, so we choose to remain positive and thankful for our health and ability to practice together right now,” Thomas said.

Wood says the team has been amazing during this very odd and unpredictable time that is happening to everyone, pointing out that the veteran players on the team really stepped up this year.

“They have shown resilience, commitment and they have remained very positive during a very challenging time,” Wood said. “The returns have been helpful and gone above and beyond to help the newcomers enjoy the experience as possible despite the circumstances and my 13 newcomers have been a pleasure to get to know and work with during this time.”



# Dorm students cling to the college experience

*Students living on campus concerned as the county enters the red COVID-19 tier*

by Dakota Cox

Students living in dorms at Humboldt State University are receiving a sliver of the college experience offered in a normal semester this fall.

Eli Farrington, an undeclared freshman, came to HSU to escape an unhealthy home-life and an unsafe place to live during the pandemic.

“I think it’s pretty safe [here], compared to where I came from, which is Oakland,” Farrington said. “Which is way less safe in terms of corona.”

Farrington enjoys having a triple suit all to himself, but he’s nervous about sharing common areas and only goes into the kitchen to do his laundry. Having little in common with his dorm mates, Farrington spends much less time interacting with people than he expected on a college campus.

“They put me in Tan Oak, which is the student athlete dorm and I’m not a student athlete at all,” Farrington said. “I don’t really have any friends in my dorm.”

His appreciation for the nature surrounding campus, having friends from Oakland that came to HSU this year and family tension, Farrington plans to continue living on campus in the spring.

“I’d rather be here than stuck at home with my parents and also [a lot] of my friends have gone off to college too so there’s nothing really waiting for me at home,” Farrington said.

Lake Mcleod, a political science major, is another freshman experiencing college life behind a screen of a laptop. Mcleod came to campus intending to live every ounce of the traditional college experience as possible.

“Being here is helping me experience new things,” Mcleod said. “Personally, for me, back home is a different phase that I’ve moved on from. So, being here, I’m able to grow into the person that I really wanted to be.”



The Madrone, Maple, Tan Oak and Pepperwood dorms on Nov. 17.

Photo by Dakota Cox

Given that the university has restricted student interaction opportunities this semester, Mcleod feels more of an emphasis should be placed on the behavior of students on campus.

“I feel like most people are staying as safe as possible but I’ve still seen huge groups and things that are a little questionable,” Mcleod said. “Which the university can’t control everybody, but I feel like it could be a bit better in terms of restrictions.”

Mcleod’s main concern is the lenient testing regulations for students who leave the area and interact outside of their bubble.

Students living in the dorms were only tested upon arrival back in August. All testing and quarantining currently operates under an honors system but, Mcleod has personally met people who’ve broken it.

“Random people that I’ve talked to have said ‘oh yeah, I’ve been here and there’ and it doesn’t sound like they’ve

been tested when they come back or they haven’t really been social distancing,” Mcleod said.

Mcleod was also bothered by HSU hosting San Jose State University’s football team earlier in the semester. Considering how dorm students are restricted to host guests from other areas of housing and no more than two people are allowed at a table in the J’s dining area.

“I feel like it was hypocritical in a lot of ways,” Mcleod said. “Having a whole football team here from a different county, from [a place with high cases], for them to come over here where we had low cases, that didn’t really sit too well with me and a whole bunch of other people I know.”

River Ruiz, a political science major, has been living in the dorms for the past three semesters. His biggest reason for returning this semester was his on-campus job with HSU dining services. His experiences this semester led him to begin searching for other employment oppor-

tunities.

“They need to make a lot of improvements,” Ruiz said. “The population is dwindling a lot, so the current workers, they like overload [them].”

Ruiz will be making separate trips home to Southern California for Thanksgiving and Christmas because he needs to work between the holiday breaks.

“It’s just crazy,” Ruiz said. “Cause you’re scared that you might come in contact with someone and you can’t go home because you have to quarantine.”

No longer having the same access to extracurricular activities, Ruiz is grateful to have work as a distraction from school, despite the risks and drawbacks of this semester.

“I know a lot of people that live on campus and go to school, they just stay here all the time and they don’t really have a good college experience,” Ruiz said. “[This semester is] kind of depressing, but it’s a depressing time and everybody’s getting through it.”

# Elementary education students learn to teach online

*Limited face-to-face interaction challenges elementary education majors and K-8 students*

by Brianne Beronilla

The pandemic forced limited face-to-face interaction between Humboldt State University’s Liberal Studies Elementary Education majors and currently enrolled K-8 students in Humboldt County.

According to John Lee, a School of Education professor, community building amongst the LSEE students is easier in face-to-face classes. In an effort to build community in his classes,

Lee used extended breakout group activities, games for students, breathing exercises, brain and music breaks and regular check-ins.

“Feeling a part of a community or social integration is essential for learning,” Lee said. “It puts students at ease so they can focus on learning.”

Fourth-year, undergraduate students and those in the teaching credential program started out the year teach-

ing over Zoom. As more local schools opened up, HSU students were able to conduct limited face-to-face instruction with their elementary students using a hybrid instruction model.

Stella Mantova, a LSEE major, teaches in a second grade classroom at Alice Birney School in Eureka. Because Eureka started the school year online, Mantova, her students and the other teachers experienced a huge learning curve.

“Teaching over 20, seven-year-olds at once isn’t an easy task,” Mantova said. “But when you add in the fact that some of them are still learning to unmute their microphones, things become a lot more complicated.”

Of all the challenges Mantova has faced since the pandemic began, connecting with her students has been the most challenging.

“Online teaching seems like we don’t have as much time to get to know each other because we need to use the majority of our time to teach the standards,” Mantova said.

Mother of three and LSEE major, Maxine Welch, missed interacting with her teachers and peers. Instead of being in a classroom, Welch watched pre-recorded lectures.

“I would have liked to be able to be more interactive as an LSEE student, because I know a lot of my classes revolve around interaction,” Welch said. “Interaction with other teachers to

learn their teaching techniques as well as interactions with students to learn how to adapt to the teaching needs.”

Along with the effects the pandemic has had on LSEE students, the Children’s Center on campus had to adapt. Following local and state guidelines, the Center is currently operating at half-capacity. They’ve had to make several adjustments to ensure the children, parents and staff stay safe.

Stephen St. Onge, director of the Children’s Center, is most concerned about the lack of social interaction between the children, classmates and teachers.

“The team at the Center has had to revamp the way children and families are greeted, the number of students allowed in any classroom at a given time, and have had to modify their learning modalities and curriculum,” St. Onge said.

Betsy Wilson, program director for the Children’s Center, added that the biggest challenges were keeping everyone healthy and making sure the Center stays staffed.

“The hardest part about being an elementary education major right now is that everything always seems to be changing,” Mantova said. “Just when I think I’ve established a routine and I know what to expect from teaching and from my HSU experience, some new guideline shifts and I have to plan my life all over again.”



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EDITORIAL

# Prop 22 represents political favoritism of money over workers’ rights

by the Editorial Board

California’s passing of proposition 22 on Nov. 5 represents a frustrating history of workers’ rights being trampled by the overwhelming influence of greed in politics.

This proposition forces app-based workers to be classified as independent contractors, rather than employees. This classification allows companies like Uber, Lyft and Doordash to pay their workers significantly less than California’s guaranteed minimum as well as provide them with worse benefits than would be guaranteed as a full-time employee.

This proposition was vehemently opposed by labor unions that represented drivers. Unfortunately they were hugely outspent in advertising by the corporations that funded the ballot initiative for prop 22.

Advertisements for a yes on prop 22 were incredibly misleading and placed on Amazon, YouTube and even inside of Uber’s app. They misleadingly claimed being an independent contractor provided workers with the freedom to receive benefits while driving on their own schedule.

In fact, under prop 22 drivers are only guaranteed benefits after 25 hours of engaged driving time. Engaged driving time is defined by prop 22 as time actively spent with a rider in the car, or a delivery in progress.

With drivers reporting that they spend over half of their time waiting for a pickup, this could require workers to put in more than 40 hours a week for less benefits than a full-time California employee.

The reason that companies like Uber and Lyft are able to continuously influence political campaigns is due to the fact that

within the US, companies enjoy and exercise the same level of freedom of speech granted by the First and Fourteenth Amendments that residents due.

In a 1886 Supreme Court case, Chief Justice Morrison Waite said that “the Court does not wish to hear argument on the question whether the provision in the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution which forbids a state to deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws applies to these corporations. We are all of opinion that it does.”

Two years later, the Supreme Court made the ruling official stating, corporations had equal protection under the law as they were merely expressing and acting on behalf of the people that created and ran them.

These rulings are what set the stage for one of the most important court cases in the history of politics within the US, Citizens United v. FEC.

In the rulings of the case, Justice Anthony Andrews, joined by other Justices of the court, wrote that corporations were protected under the First Amendment to freely express their opinions on matters both domestic and political. Furthermore, Justice Andrews wrote in the majority opinion that

the US government was not responsible for creating an equal playing field regarding the use of money, changing the rules of campaign financing, leading to the rise of super Political Action Committees. These PACs could acquire an unlimited amount of funds from corporations, individuals and other PACs to use for supporting political candidates and proposals.

The consideration for corporations did not always extend to laborers. The US has a history of ruling against labor unions, going as far back as 1806, where the first case regarding a labor strike occurred with Commonwealth v. Pullis. The Philadelphia Mayor’s court ruled that leaders of a union strike were guilty of conspiring to raise their wages after labor strikes failed to do so. This established a precedent that labor unions were illegal, something that stood until 1842.

The consensus in academic literature is that unions shrink income inequality. Union members make, somewhere between 10 and 30 percent more than non union workers, and enjoy more benefits. Unions also drive worker solidarity and income equality across race and gender lines. The recent rise in income inequality in the US is partially attributable to shrinking union membership. The idea of collective bargaining only works if trade unions have the power of large numbers of workers standing in solidarity.

The ferocity companies and governments demonstrate when quelling labor organizations should be all the evidence needed that labor organizations are effective.

The total number of workers murdered in response to labor organization in the United States is unknown, but the number of workers killed by law enforcement, company militias, and other anti-labor forces during labor disputes numbers in the thousands. If labor organizations did not work, no one would drop bombs on striking workers and, knowing the risk, no one would strike if it did not benefit them.

The US Government has often been hostile to labor organizations. During the early years of the industrial revolution, the legality of collective bargaining was uncertain, but often led to convictions and fines. Even when collective bargaining was legalized, the National Guard and local law enforcement were responsible for violence against labor organizers.

Resistance to collective bargaining should be expected from the rich and powerful. No one in a position of wealth and power can be relied upon to betray their source of power. Greed is bipartisan, and workers should not rely on institutions to grant them rights if those same institutions have proved hostile in the past.

Though the labor victories of the past still benefit workers immensely, companies are doing everything they can to undermine those victories. Prop 22 is one in a long line of examples. It undermines workers rights and chips away at our hard won standard of living.

It should be a warning sign that no labor struggle is ever over. It will be an ongoing fight against corporate greed, but joining a union and standing in solidarity with workers across divisions of nationality, race, gender and economic background will benefit yourself and your community.



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# Astrology may be fake, but so are your hopes and dreams

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## Aries



(March 21 - April 19)

Your winter accessory is a cardigan that gives you the feeling of a dignified, middle-aged widow who used her mysteriously deceased husband’s money to move to a beachfront cabin. When you pull the cardigan around you, you feel the old memories and ocean breeze.



## Taurus



(April 20 - May 20)

Your winter accessory is a dangerous pair of slipper socks. They must be fluffy, fuzzy, knit and absolutely deadly. If you don’t slip and fall on a wood or linoleum floor once, they don’t count. Grievous injuries are encouraged, but not required.



## Gemini



(May 21 - June 21)

Your winter accessory is a turtleneck that can function both as the perfect holiday outfit and as a criminal disguise. The only limit on how much fabric the collar can be made out of is your personal strength. Just pop up the collar and commit crimes in complete anonymity.



## Cancer



(June 21 - July 22)

Your winter accessory is a sweater that defies our understanding of thermodynamics. It’s one of those sweaters that makes you sweat a bit no matter the temperature. Outside on a rainy day? You’ll sweat a bit. Sunny day? Sweat. Antarctica? Still sweating.



## Leo



(July 23 - August 22)

Your winter accessories are a series of shirts with increasing sleeve length. Layering is important and 2020 is not the year to hold back. Start with the long sleeves, then put each shirt on in order from longest to shortest. You’ve failed if you can move your arms after all the shirts are on.



## Virgo



(August 23 - September 22)

Your winter accessory is a sleeping bag. Put it on with your head near the closed end and your feet sticking out so you can still walk a bit. Flop around until you get to where you’re going. You’ll be warm, COVID-19 free and possibly alive when you reach your destination.



## Libra



(September 23 - October 22)

Your winter accessory is a bathrobe that you pretend is a wizard robe. Get yourself a gnarled staff, a pointy hat and some sort of old fashioned device for smoking whatever wizards smoke. I’m sure you can find a frog if you go outside. Magic is real.



## Scorpio



(October 23 - November 21)

Your winter accessory is an extremely suspicious balaklava. Be as shifty as possible. Look directly at all the cameras in stores. Unbeknownst to everyone else, you’re just providing cover for the real criminal, the gemini with a turtleneck that covers their entire face.



## Sagittarius



(November 22 - December 21)

Your winter accessory is a t-shirt. You’re not cold. Yeah, it’s cold and raining, but you’re tough. Ignore the goosebumps, the winter winds don’t lay a finger on you. Okay, you’re shivering now but you committed to the t-shirt and you’ll die before wearing a jacket.



## Capricorn



(December 22 - January 19)

Your winter accessory is a pair of gloves you take off the instant you leave the house. Gloves are cozy and your fingers are basically meat icicles, but your boss just texted you and the gloves just don’t let you type out a long string of insults before deleting them and just saying “ok.”



## Aquarius



(January 20 - February 18)

Your winter accessory is a beanie perched at an almost impossible angle on your head. Is it keeping your head warm? No. Is it hiding your beadhead? Also, no. Is it flying in the face of our understanding of gravity? Yes. And that’s what matters.



## Pisces

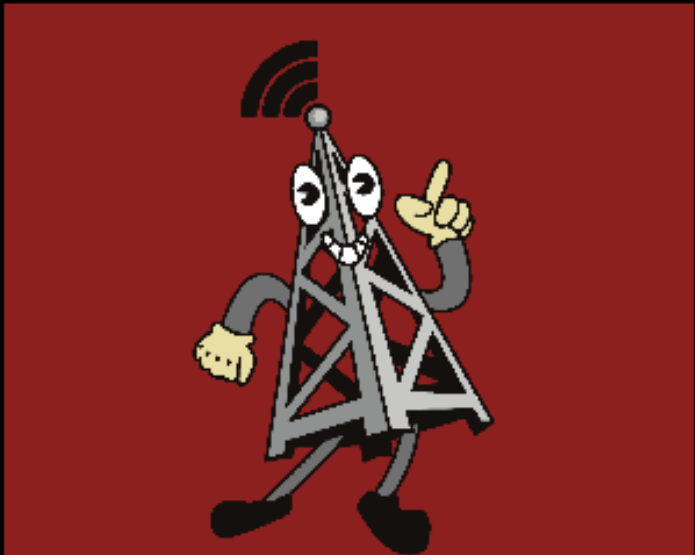


(February 19 - March 20)

Your winter accessory is a raincoat that seems like it should be waterproof, but is not. Now you’re drenched to the bone with no hope of recovering. Now you have an excuse to do what you’ve always wanted to do. You owe it to yourself to jump in every puddle you see.



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